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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5065

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (PLESSER, JOSEPH JAMES)

SUBJ: W/W - DETENTION OF AMCIT BY SOVIET CUSTOMS

REF: PARIS 28738

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM WREN OF NEW YORK TIMES THAT PLESSER IS IN TOUCH WITH NYT ABOUT DEC 1 DETENTION, BUT HAD ASKED NYT NOT TO RUN STORY UNTIL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN U.S. WE ANTICIPATE NYT MAY QUERY DEPARTMENT ABOUT CASE AND DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO DRAW ON REFTELS AND FOLLOWING IN REPLYING.

2. EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGED TO WREN THAT PLESSER HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM LEAVING ON SCHEDULED FLIGHT DEC 1, AND HAD BEEN DETAINED DURING CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION ABOUT TWO HOURS. DAUGHTER REMAINED WITH HIM. AFTER RELEASE HE AND DAUGHTER WERE RESTRICTED TO TRANSIT AREA SEVERAL HOURS WHILE AWAITING LATER FLIGHT.

3. CONSOFF PHONED AIRPORT CUSTOMS OFFICERS DURING DETENTION,  
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AND SUBSEQUENTLY PHONED TO CONFIRM PLESSER HAD BEEN RELEASED

TO TRANSIT AREA AND HE AND DAUGHTER WERE FREE TO DEPART.  
CONSOFF SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THEY HAD DEPARTED.

4. MORNING DEC 2 EMBASSY QUERIED MFA CONSULAR ADMINIS-  
TRATION ABOUT CASE.  
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